

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION 5 77 WEST JACKSON BOULEVARD CHICAGO, IL 60604-3590

REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF: SE-5J

November 1, 2013

Sue Foune Public Services Managing Director 415 Stockbridge Avenue Kalamazoo, Michigan 49001

Dear Ms. Foune:

As you may know, U.S. EPA Region 5 is currently concluding the Portage Creek Area time critical removal project in Kalamazoo. This project was the culmination of years of planning and construction beginning in 2010.

Throughout the project, we greatly appreciated the time, involvement and assistance of Debbie Jung of your Engineering Division. Debbie provided us with invaluable assistance, guidance and references to other City Departments and private utility companies.

Debbie came out to project work areas weekly during construction activities to ensure that we stayed on track and avoided conflicts with existing infrastructure. She also provided us quick and direct access to contacts in other City Departments and companies for issues we encountered relating to drawings, utilities, traffic, fire hydrants, police, streets, lighting, bridges, parks and the Youth Center.

Her commitment and dedication was critical to the success of this important project. Please pass along my personal thanks to Debbie.

Sincerely,

Samuel Borries, Chief

Emergency Response Branch #2